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CENSUS OF WILD BUFFALOES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct census on wild buffaloes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) Government has not proposed to conduct any census specifically for wild buffaloes. However, an exercise for monitoring tigers, co-predators, prey and their habitats has been undertaken at the national level, which includes wild buffaloes also. Directorate of Project Tiger is the coordinating agency in this regard. Normally, the State Governments conduct population estimation of different wild animals found in the protected areas from time to time.